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**RESOLUTION NO. 05-27**

- WHEREAS,** the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et. Seq.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board (Tribal Governing Board) is the governing body of the Tribe, pursuant to the Lac Courte Oreilles Constitution, Article III; and
- WHEREAS,** the Anishinaabeg, Menominee, Potawatomi and other indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes region have a responsibility to protect Mother Earth for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** scientific consensus has developed that Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been shown that human activities and energy consumption are increasingly altering the Earth climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun; and
- WHEREAS,** global warming poses significant threats to Native and non-Native communities across the world in the form of heat waves, drought, shrinking water supplies, snow pack, catastrophic fires, floods and storms, coastal erosion, new diseases and loss of traditional plant and animal life.
- WHEREAS,** we believe that it is our right and our duty to institute a new energy economy, one whose foundation is built on the efficient and profitable use of clean energy that supports our tribal self-sufficiency and sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS,** 128 countries have signed onto the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement requiring countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by the period 2008-2012; and more than 150 cities have volunteered to meet the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol as independent municipalities and in the spirit of protection of the environment and their economies.

**WHEREAS,** in March 2001, the U.S. officially refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and take responsibility for the greenhouse gas emissions the nation is responsible for; and

**WHEREAS,** energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS,** tribal lands represent a vast amount of renewable energy potential -- wind and solar power that can meet the energy needs of both local tribes and surrounding communities; and


**WHEREAS,** wind power blowing through Indian reservations in just four northern Great Plains states could support almost 200,000 MW of wind power, enough to reduce output from coal plants by 30% and reduce our electricity-based global warming pollution by 25%; and Great Lakes Natives nations could similarly produce alternative/natural energy for our tribal communities and for export.

**WHEREAS,** actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures and saving money for the community; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians commits to meeting the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol and, in doing so, pledges to require that our communities obtain a percent of our electricity from renewable energy sources.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board, hereby certify that the Tribal Governing Board is composed of seven (7) members, of whom 5 being present, constituted a quorum at a meeting thereof, duly called, convened, and held on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 4 members, 0 against, 0 abstaining; and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Donald Carley, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board